

Amendments to the Specification

Please delete the paragraph entitled CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS: on page 1 of the specification and replace it with the following:

This application is a continuation-in-part of copending U.S. Serial Number 09/386,492, also titled "Storage Device", filed 30 August 1999 which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/099,453, filed 08 September 1998.

Please delete the paragraph on page 5 starting on line 7 of the specification and replace it with the following:

A storage arrangement 10 in accordance with the principles of the present invention is shown in FIG. 1. The storage arrangement 10 includes a generally horizontally oriented back panel 12 having a width W substantially less greater than its height. A plurality of storage compartments 14 are connected to the back panel 12. The compartments 14 can be formed from a continuous front panel 16, divided into compartments by spaced-apart, vertical separation seams 18. The compartments 14 thus formed resemble pleats, with each compartment having an interior volume defined by horizontal cross-section that increases in area with the height of the compartments. The compartments 14 are thus expandable to receive a wide variety of articles to be stored, such as shoes or tools. It has been found that outer dimensions of 12.5 inches in height by 45 inches in width for the back panel 12 are particularly advantageous. Of course, it is contemplated that the back panel 12 and compartments 14 will be sized and configured as necessary to accommodate the particular items to be stored.

Please delete the paragraph on page 6 starting at line 9 of the specification and replace it with the following:

The present invention finds particular utility in the context of a recreational vehicle having a cushioned support component 30 elevated on a pedestal 32. The mounting surface 24 constitutes an exposed, vertically oriented, planar surface of the pedestal 32. An alternative securing arrangement is shown in FIG. 3, in which hook-and-loop fasteners 34, such as VELCRO, are used too secure the back panel 12' to the mounting surface 24'.